steps that have been taken to expand trade include participation in international trade fairs in Germany, intensified exchange of business delegations, increased focus on thrust items and the promotional activities of the Indo-German Export Promotion Project (IGEP).

Industrial licences to Gujarat

864. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with Government for issuing industrial licences to Gujarat;

(b) the details of items delicenccd after the announcement of the new industrial policy in July, 1991; and

(c) the items proposed to be delicensed in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As on 1.7.96, 20 applications for grant of Industrial Licence for setting up industries in Gujarat were pending.

(b) and (c) Since 24th July, 1991, most of the industries were delicenccd. At present, Industrial Licence is necessary only in respect of 15 identified sectors, or if a unit other than a small scale unit desires to manufacture items reserved for the small scale sector, or if the proposed location of the project is within 25 kilometers of identified major cities.

Review of the list of industries retained under compulsory licensing is an ongoing process. In the post liberalisation period, in the delicensed sector, Industrial Entrepreneur Memorandum (IEM) is filed for all those items which do not require industrial licence.

Export of Basmati Rice

865. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's basmati rice exports have suffered almost a 50% fall;

(b) if so, the percentage of fall in basmati rice exports during 1995 and 1996 (till date);

(c) the fall in foreign exchange earnings as a result thereof;

(d) the main reasons for the steep fall in the basmati rice exports; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to step up the exports of basmati rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) The quantity and value of basmati rice exported during the last three years and the percentage change in exports both in quantity and value terms over the corresponding period of the previous year(s) is as under:—

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. Crores) (	% change over Period of Previous Quantity Terms) .	The Corresponding Year in (Value Terms)
1993-94	527233	1061.27	(-)16.14	(-)18.46
1994-95	442125	865.32	(-)11.27	(-)1.63
1995-96	392258	851.16	49.41	25.80
1996-97 (April, 96)	57260 38332	119.65 88.77		
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